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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/19/00
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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FINAL ACTION

RESPONSE AMENDMENT

1. Applicant amendment filed 09/19/00 has been entered and made record.
2. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues in essence that Mori et al does not disclose or suggest an object oriented framework in which a method for translating an image in the object is sent along with the image to an image processing device. The examiner disagrees. The prior art teaches the FEP of the network printer apparatus NPRT receives a request for printing from the NetWare environment, judges whether the communication protocol TCP/IP protocol or the IPX/SPX protocol from ID of the header portion of the packet (col. 9, lines 35-50). Applicant argues in essence that Mori et al does not disclose or suggest method for translating image data is being transferred from the client to the printer. The examiner disagrees. The prior art teaches from workstation or any PC to print image data through the network the client or user includes command or ID (col. 10, lines 1-11). Applicant argues in essence that Mori et al does not disclose or suggest an abstract machine executes object to obtain translated image data based upon the image data in each object. The examiner disagrees. The prior art teaches the network printer apparatus NPRT receives a request for different environment UNIX and NetWare, judges (it could be translate) the communication protocol (col. 9, lines 40-48).

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-14, 16 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mori, et al (5,982,994).

With regard to claim 1, Mori, et al discloses a machine-readable medium having instructions that when executed by a processor cause the step of associating first image data and first method as part of an image object, i.e., the highest priority which is designated by the queue and forms a dot image (col. 6, lines 64-67 of Mori, et al), the first method for being executed by an abstract machine to obtain first translated image data based upon the first image, i.e., the communication protocol controller identifying in accordance with the predetermined protocol (col. 6, lines 54-59 of Mori, et al).

With regard to claim 2, associating second image data with the first method as part of the object, the first method for being executed by the abstract machine to obtain second translated image data based upon the second image data, i.e., the LAN driver identifying the communication protocol information (col. 6, lines 53-67 of Mori, et al).

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With regard to claim 3, associating second image data and second method as part of a second object, the second method for being executed by the abstract machine to obtain second translated image data based upon the second image data (col. 7, lines 1-11 of Mori, et al).

With regard to claim 4, the first translated data is in the same format as the first data (col. 4, lines 33-36 of Mori, et al).

Claims 5, 7-10 and 20 is rejected the same as claims 1 and 2. Thus, arguments analogous to those presented above for claims 1 and 2 are applicable to claims 5, 7-10 and 20.

Claims 6, 19 and 21 is rejected the same as claim 4. Thus, arguments analogous to those presented above for claim 4 are applicable to claims 6, 19 and 21.

With regard to claim 11, the first image data is the sensor data (col.3, lines 60-64 of Mori, et al).

With regard to claim 12, second memory having instructions that when executed by the 4 processor cause processing the sensor data into the first image data (col. 4, lines 1-8 of Mori, et al).

With regard to claim 13, the processing comprises performing an image processing methodology on the sensor data (col. 4, lines 9-13 of Mori, et al).

With regard to claim 14, logic circuitry for processing the sensor data into the first image data, i.e., the algorithm physical manipulation of physical quantities (col. 1, lines 55-64 of Mori, et al).

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With regard to claim 16, interface to a communication medium for transferring the first image data and the first method to a processing system separate from the imaging device, the processing system being configured with said abstract machine (col. 1, lines 33-41 of Mori, et al).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori, et al (5,982,994) in view of Kanoh, et al (5,873,077).

With regard to claim 15, the logic circuitry performs a color interpolation algorithm on the sensor data (col. 3, lines 35-50 Kanoh, et al).

With regard to claim 17, the image object comprises a TIFF file, the TIFF file comprising the first image data and the first image method (col. 15, lines 15-20 of Kanoh, et al).

Mori, et al does not explicitly call for tag image file format (TIFF) . However, this feature is thought by Kanoh, et al. Mori, et al shows a network printer is used in common by clients having different communication protocols sort out printing jobs to the clients. Kanoh, et al shows document retrieval and searching system on an interconnected computer network. Mori,

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et al and Kanoh, et al are combinable because they are from network communication area (abstract), for example.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to communicate with deferent protocol. The motivation for doing so would have been to connect network printer to a plurality of personal computer (col. 1, lines 19-26 of Mori, et al). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Mori, et al and Kanoh, et al to obtain the invention as specified in claim 17.

With regard to claim 18, the translated first image data is part of an image file being in the Device Independent Bitmap (DIB) format (col. 4, lines 27-33 of Kanoh, et al).

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

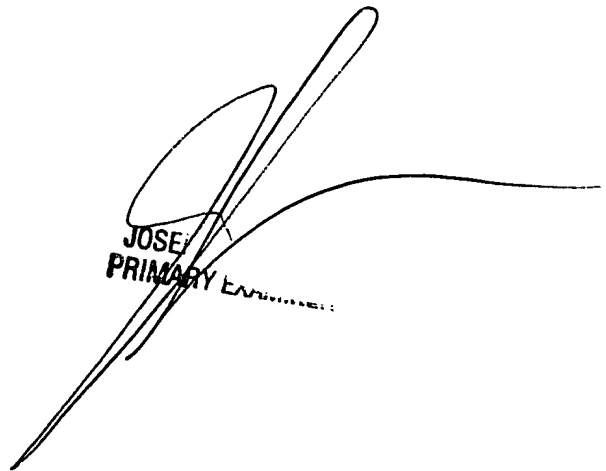
Any inquiry concerning this communication from examiner should be directed to Yosef Kassa whose telephone number is (703) 306-5918. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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